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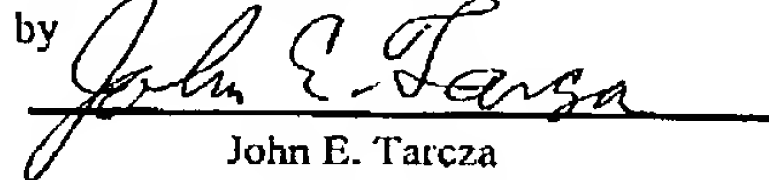
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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July 19, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Rejection mailed March 18, 2004, this response is filed. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is a petition for a one-month extension of time making the due date for response July 18, 2004. Further as the due date falls on a Sunday, filing this response on Monday July 19, 2004 is deemed timely. (See 37 CFR § 1.17(a).

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.